

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1664 - SB 1832

February 28, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014433): Establishes that it is an unfair or deceptive practice affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce to post a review on the internet about a business that is factually false. Requires a court to award a petitioner three times the actual damages sustained for a willful or knowing violation in a private right of action.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in the number of complaints handled by the Attorney General is estimated to be not significant and can be handled by existing staff during normal work hours.
- Committing an unfair or deceptive practice under the *Consumer Protection Act of 1977* is a Class B misdemeanor offense.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The proposed legislation is not estimated to have a significant impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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